Sacking of Staff by Central Cooperative Bank, Damoh

684. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 24th April 2002 under the caption cleared by court sacked staffer still awaits justice' and new-item of 23rd April in Pioneer under the caption For NHRC, issues are important, not individuals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons that information sought from the Cental Co-operative Bank, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh is not being supplied to Naional Human Rights Commission and concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Devlopment (NABARD) has reported that Shri Nirmal Kumar Jain was appointed as a trainee society Manager in Damoh District Central Co-operative Bank (DECCB) on 7-10-1976. Following various complaints of embezzlement within a period of one year of service, Shri Jain was issued Notice(s) seeking explanations and for return of the deposits collected by him. Due to failure on all accounts to rectify himself, the Working Committee of the DCCB construed this as an act of misconduct and terminated the services of Shri Jain in August, 1973. In the meanwhile, a criminal complaints with the police as well as a dispute was registered with Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Damoh. Though Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies issued decree to recover the dues from Shri Jain, Judical Magistrate, 1st Class, Damoh absolved Shri Jain of the charges of embezzlement on account of non-availability of records. Since Shri Jain had not filed any appeal of dispute in any competent court against Bank's termination order, the Bank did not reappoint him. Meanwhile, the case is being heard by the Human Rights Commissioner, Bhopal to whom the entire facts of the case were submitted on 13th May, 2002. The case is still sub-judice.